**REMARKS** 

This Preliminary Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for

allowance. The instant application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 10/677,563, filed

October 2, 2003. Applicants have included a statement in the instant application to reflect

the relationship to the '563 application and to perfect the claim of priority. (See, p. 1, lines

4-5; and 35 USC §§ 120 and 121). Accordingly, the instant application is entitled to the

priority date of the '563 application, and priority is hereby claimed. No new matter has been

added.

Pending claims 1-50 have been deleted, without prejudice, and new claims 51-115

are added to protect certain aspects of the inventions described and illustrated in the

application. These newly submitted claims are fully supported by the specification as

originally filed (see, for example, (1) page 18, line 1 to page 27, line 19; (2) page 50, line 7

to page 58, line 2; (3) page 60, line 17 to page 65, line 6; and (3) FIGURES 2, 3A-D, 4, 5,

6A, 11A and 11B, 12A-12C, 13A-E, and 14A-C). As such, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to

examination of this continuation application. Applicants submit that all of the claims present

patentable subject matter which definitely set forth the novel and unobvious features of the

invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the claims.

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